



Children's Network (CN)

Children's Network Honors Child Advocates

HS Connection Staff

A Deputy Director who has dedicated his life to helping children and families impacted by mental illness was honored with the Lifetime Advocate Award from the County of San Bernardino Children's Network Shine-a-Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast. During the 25 years since he joined the Department of Behavioral Health as a clinical therapist, Deputy Director Michael Schertell has been responsible for numerous programs and projects designed to improve the lives of San Bernardino County children.



Schertell was among 20 honorees that have provided exceptional services and have made a commitment to the safety and well-being of at-risk children and youth. Foster youth were also recognized with scholarships by the Children's Fund.



Children's Network Officer Kathy Turnbull calls the honorees "unsung heroes who are doing work to which much of the general public says 'I could never do that job.'"

"The Children's Network Annual Shine-a-Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast is a way to honor and thank them for their work with children and families," Turnbull said.

The annual event is part of the County's observation of Child Abuse Prevention Month, which was proclaimed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

Award recipients were recognized in a variety of categories with the highest honor awarded to the Children's Network Lifetime Advocate.



Michael Schertell, LMFT, Lifetime Advocate, Deputy Director Regional Operations and Children's Programs, Behavioral Health

U.S. Bank Foundation, Business

Hugo Castellanos, Children and Family Services

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Howard Booker, Community-Based Provider

Emily Dickson, Community-Based Provider

The Unforgettables Foundation, Community-Based Provider

Westside Kinship Support Services Program, Community-Based Provider

Tim Hougén, Ph.D., Behavioral Health

Amelia Sanchez-Lopez, Public Health

Arwyn Wild, Education, Principal, Serrano Middle School

Jeff and Kristi Hall, Foster Parents

Rob Rose, Law Enforcement, San Bernardino County Deputy Sheriff

Jane Templeton, Legal, Deputy District Attorney

Joy Hlavenka, Legal, Deputy Public Defender

Dr. Mark Massi, Medical

Charles Ramirez, Probation

Matt Payne, Public Safety

Carlynn Christian, Volunteer

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Specialized Investigations Unit: Crimes Against Children Detail

Children's Assessment Center

The Children's Network of San Bernardino County works to improve the quality of life for children at risk who, because of behavior, abuse, neglect, medical needs, educational assessment, and/or detrimental daily living situations are eligible for services from one or more of the member agencies of the Children's Policy Council.

Children's Network is doing its part to help the community achieve the Countywide Vision by ensuring residents have the resources they need to provide the necessities of life to their families. Information on the Countywide Vision can be found at www.sbcounty.gov.